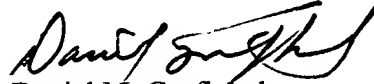


REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has required a restriction. The Examiner has divided the invention as follows: between Group I, Claims 1-13 and Group II, Claims 14-26. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application Applicant, who disagrees with the need for restriction, hereby elects the claims of Group II, Claims 14-26 for prosecution, with traverse.

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